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SENATE CARRIES OUT PLAN TO RECONSIDER LIQUOR AMENDMENTS

**Moore Bill Is Brazenly
Forced Through on
Its Second Reading.**

The liquor interests that are behind the Moore amendments to the existing law controlling the liquor traffic made a desperate and successful effort yesterday morning to force the bill, as amended by the Ways and Means Committee, past second reading, in the territorial Senate.

The postponement of the bill secured Thursday by the opposition, led by Senators W. O. Smith and George Fairchild, was nullified and now the measure of the whisky ring will come up on third reading Wednesday.

Three of the Senators that voted with Smith and Fairchild Thursday saw fit to capitulate and go over to the support of the Moore amendments. The three members of the upper house that changed their stripes yesterday were Senators Quinn, Makekau and Baker, all three of whom supported Senator Smith's motion for postponement Thursday.

After the action taken Thursday the liquor men decided that they could only save the bill by taking the sole course left to them in the emergency—by whipping enough Senators into line to assure a majority vote on a motion to reconsider the action of postponement. This was agreed upon, and Quinn, Baker and Makekau were pledged to support the bill—a remarkable and sudden change from the position they had assumed by voting for postponement Thursday afternoon.

By the rules of the Senate the motion to reconsider had to be made by a member that voted with the majority, and Makekau was decided upon as the spokesman—his motion to be seconded by Quinn.

This plan was carried out, as was predicted in the Advertiser yesterday—the enacting clause of the measure amended to read "by the Legislature" (Continued on Page Two.)

**Amendments to Municipal Act Are Passed
After Long Debate.**

House Bill 125, Douthitt, the bill to fix the kinks in the Municipal Act according to the doctrine of Republicanism, came up for a final vote in the House yesterday, the first business of import considered.

Kamahu, who is evidently the recognized leader of the Democrats, stated that the bill made a figurehead out of the Mayor, a man to whom the people paid \$3000 a year. Such was the effect of the clause putting all power of engaging city employees in the hands of the Supervisors.

He wondered what would happen if next election conditions were reversed and a Republican Mayor faced a Democratic board. "What will the Republican members do then?" he asked. "I think it would be better altogether to repeal the whole City and County Act."

Kaleiopi the Spiteful One.

Kaleiopi stated he was the one who wanted to make a figurehead out of the Mayor and had introduced a bill to that effect, but the other Republican members and the business men had objected and the present bill was the result of their desire to leave some power vested in the Mayor. The speaker pointed out what he considered absurdities in the present law and wanted to show that Congress was not run along the lines of the city government.

He agreed with the Supreme Court that the Mayor had to have some power, but he did not confine himself to the heads of departments, but went on and designated who should be stable boys and such, something very lowering to the dignity of a Mayor. The Governor appoints heads of departments, but not the subordinates, leaving these to be chosen by the heads.

He approved of the taking off of the restrictions upon the Mayor to allow him to go back and work for the Inter-Island company if he wanted to. This (Continued on Page Two.)

WAR BREAKS OUT BETWEEN NICARAGUA AND SALVADOR

POUNDMASTERS ARE APPOINTED

**Supervisors Approve Bonds and
Discuss Paper Litter
on Streets.**

Bonds of the Honolulu road supervisor and two of the road overseers of country districts were presented and approved by the Board of Supervisors last night. The question of approving or referring the bonds first to the County Attorney was discussed and involved the Supervisors in a tangle of uncertainty, which was finally settled by the board voting to approve the bonds.

The report of the special committee, comprising Mayor Fern, Deputy City Attorney Milverton and Supervisor Quinn, set the bond of the Honolulu road supervisor at \$5000 and those of the overseers at \$1000. Bonds of Wilson, Paele and Kukea of Waialua were the ones presented and approved.

The City Attorney rendered an opinion to the effect that the Board of Supervisors had the power to appoint the poundmasters. The Mayor stated that in view of this opinion he had not submitted appointments for confirmation, as he had expected to do, but would await the action of the board in the matter. Supervisor Logan found a list of the old poundmasters on his desk, and he moved that the list be approved. They were Wm. Kaurati, Makiki pound; Alex. Young, Kapiolani Park; Fred Beckley, Kalihi; David Lolo, Nuuanu; David Watson, Heeie; W. K. Apuakehau, Laie; Jos. Kabaokamoku, Waialua; M. K. Coelho, Kamoo (Waialua); E. K. Ellsworth, Pupukea; Fred Meyers, Waianae; J. E. Kahoa, Pearl City.

The board passed a large number of material and supply demands from nearly all departments, including the roads, bridges, garbage and parks committee, electric light committee, police committee, fire department, Clerk's office, City Attorney's office, etc. In the City Clerk's office bills were accounts for the various printing establishments for advertising as follows: Bulletin, \$114.75; Star, \$43.20; Gazette, \$9.65.

Payrolls of the police and fire departments were approved.

A special report from Messrs. Kane and Aylett, to whom had been referred several petitions for additional electric (Continued on Page Two.)

TO MAKE ALL PAY LICENSE

**Merchants' Association to Draft
Bill to Cover Some
Delinquents.**

The Merchants' Association yesterday afternoon authorized the officers of the association to employ counsel to draft a bill along the lines presented in the report of a special committee with reference to manufacturers' agents' license fees, for submission to the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate, with the request that that committee call upon any of the association members for information as to the intent and purpose of the bill.

The special report was presented by George W. Smith and C. C. von Hamm and contained a scale for license fees to carry on business, both retail and wholesale, and is aimed to compel manufacturers' agents and commission brokers to pay, the statement being made that at present there are sixteen agents and brokers who pay absolutely no license fee, while seven do.

In support of the report, which called for a fee of \$100 for business involving \$15,000 worth of stock or over, and \$250 for business involving stock under \$15,000 or no stock at all, Mr. Smith said the object of this was to reach a class which is not now contributing to the public treasury. There were twenty-three persons engaged in the soliciting of orders for houses on the mainland of whom only six or seven paid licenses to the treasury. The goods handled by these brokers and manufacturers' agents are not billed direct to the purchasers. They are assigned to the agent or broker and billed by the latter to the purchaser. That, however, in his opinion, constituted a sale of merchandise in direct competition with merchants who are paying taxes and is a form of competition that is unjust.

There was considerable discussion on the proposed measure, concluding with the adoption of a motion offered by (Continued on Page Four.)

BOYD HAS REVENGE AND IS PAID ALSO

Robert N. Boyd loves his country too much to see it get the worst of it over the Nuuanu dam or any other place. A great deal of his great aloha has developed since he was fired a short time ago from the Department of Public Works, but it grew strong enough about that time to drive him to members of the Legislature to tell them where the money was going in the Nuuanu dam work. He appeared before the special committee investigating the dam and told them a great many things that he had been able to learn while employed in the Public Works Department, but which had not struck him in all their heinousness until the department decided to get along without his services.

Before that committee he offered to get the data and evidence to support his charges. He was told to go ahead. It would never do to allow such patriotism to be checked by appearing to think that it was not important.

Boyd got busy and has presented a report for the committee, as straight as some of the lines he ran on Maui and about as long. He was thanked by the legislators, but yesterday there appeared a bill before the committee to be O. K.'ed. It was from Mr. Boyd for services rendered. His giddy patriotism had not carried him to the point where he could afford to get even with his superiors for firing him without being paid. The members of the special committee allowed the bill, but they are doing a lot of thinking about it.

THIS LEGISLATURE AND THE LAST ONE

Yesterday was the twentieth day of the session of the Legislature. As compared with the first twenty days of the last Legislature, there have been twenty more bills introduced in the Senate and seven fewer in the House. The Governor has signed seven more bills than Governor Carter did during the first twenty days of the last Legislature. To make up for it, though, Governor Carter had vetoed three measures, while Governor Frear has not as yet vetoed any.

Annexation of Central America by Mexico Advocated—Britain's Naval Program.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

CITY OF MEXICO, March 13.—News of a battle between the Nicaraguan gunboat Momotombo and the Salvadoran gunboat Presidente is confirmed. The Momotombo was commanded by American officers and gunners, but was put out of action by the Presidente. Later repairs were made and the Momotombo started in pursuit of the Presidente.

The annexation of Central America by Mexico is advocated.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The American and Mexican governments are considering the necessity of intervention in Central America, and will probably take drastic action to insure peace.

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, March 12.—It is reported here that war has broken out between Nicaragua and Salvador. An engagement has taken place between the gunboats Momotombo and Presidente.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Secretary of the American Legation at Nicaragua has been ordered home, thereby severing diplomatic relations between the United States and Nicaragua. This is the result of the disturbed conditions in Nicaragua, and President Zelaya's failure to settle the Emery claim.

UTAH EX-TREASURER PROVES BIG DEFAULTER

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 13.—James Christiansen, ex-State Treasurer of Utah, has been arrested and charged with a shortage of State funds amounting to \$70,628, which he has repaid.

James Christiansen was elected on the Republican State ticket in 1904, which was headed by Governor Cutler. He retired from office on the first Monday in January. According to the election laws of Utah, a treasurer may serve only four years, and may not succeed himself. This is regarded as a very good method, and in the present instance has given opportunity to discover a shortage which might otherwise have remained covered up.

Mr. Christiansen, before his election on the State ticket, was mayor of the town of Manti, in Southern Utah. He was a banker, and was quite popular in business and political circles. Among politicians he was regarded as an independent—that is, he was independent of Mormon Church domination, although he was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was not orthodox. He was not a supporter of Governor Cutler, being an adherent of former Governor Heber M. Wells. In the last two years Mr. Christiansen has been identified with several irrigation schemes and reclaiming of land projects, and may have overreached himself, employing the State funds to prevent losses.

The above dispatch was telephoned last night to Frank I. Seifrit, manager of the Salt Lake Tribune, who is a guest at the Pleananton. He was greatly surprised to hear of Mr. Christiansen's arrest, and stated that probably his being an independent, or too independent of the church, caused his arrest, with prospective punishment, as in other cases there has generally been an effort to prevent such matters from getting as far as the courts.

The arrest may also be a surprise to President Joseph Smith of the Mormon Church, who may return to day from a trip to the Volcano.

BRITISH ADMIRALTY AND NAVAL AIRSHIPS

LONDON, March 13.—The naval estimates which have just been issued show an increase of fifteen millions over last year. Under the program proposed, Great Britain will have fourteen Dreadnoughts in 1911 against Germany's thirteen. The Admiralty is considering the use of dirigible airships for naval purposes.

CAN'T GO WITH ROOSEVELT

OYSTER BAY, March 13.—Ex-President Roosevelt refuses permission to press representatives to accompany him to Africa.

TO INSPECT NAVY YARDS

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Secretary Meyer will visit the Coast to inspect the Mare Island and Bremerton navy yards.

AFTERNOON CABLE REPORT.

PAU, France, March 12.—King Edward VII. is an interested observer of the demonstrations made here of the Wrights' aeroplane.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Secretary of War Dickinson will visit Panama to become thoroughly acquainted with conditions in the canal zone.

HONGKONG, March 12.—The third squadron of the American Pacific fleet, Admiral Harbor commanding, arrived here today. This squadron is made up of the cruisers Chattanooga, Cleveland, Denver and Galveston.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Lieutenant-Commander Hutch I. Cone has been placed at the head of the Bureau of Steam Engineering with the rank of Rear-Admiral. Cone commanded the torpedo flotilla on its voyage from Hampton Roads to San Francisco. He was on the staff of Admiral Sperry during the Atlantic fleet world-tour.

RUBBER SHOES DID NOT HELP

**Senatorial Committee Inspects
the Nuuanu Dam Under
Difficulties.**

With the water in the Nuuanu dam rising rapidly, and the smile of "Brick" Whitehouse's face broadening in relative proportion, the Senate committee having in hand the Nuuanu dam matter visited the great hole yesterday afternoon and had the time of their lives.

When they arrived at the dam it was in a driving rain. They looked out over the sheet of water and could barely discern the engine-house, for with the rising of the waters it had been engulfed. So, too, with the tunnel. Its location could only be determined by the whirlpool section which appeared in the lake.

The members had to make a closer inspection of some of the works, and after looking over a section found to their dismay that the water had risen and partially cut off their retreat. Senator Chillingworth, who had thoughtfully bought a pair of rubbers before going up to the dam, looked doubtfully at them and then plunged in up to his waist. Senator Knudsen asked for a boat, but was told that the Inter-Island had not established connections there yet, and he also had to wade.

"I never saw so much water come down in a short time as up there in that dam section," observed Senator Chillingworth.

HOLDUP ON LUZO STREET.

"Halt!" This was the sudden command made by an unknown man on Luzo street, near Alapai, last night about 10:30

o'clock, directed at a white man, who shortly afterward presented himself at the police station to report the occurrence.

The white man stated to Deputy Sheriff Rose that he was walking along Luzo street and when passing a dark section of that thoroughfare he was suddenly accosted by someone who spoke only the one word used above. The accosted one immediately took to his heels and ran down to Alapai street, and then, boarding an electric car, went direct to the station.

He stated that he does not know why the command was given, or who gave it, nor did he linger to ascertain the reason. He felt instinctively that he was being held up, and having no desire to pose as a hero, but believing that discretion was the better part of valor, he fled.

WOULD CHANGE THE TAX OFFICE PERSONNEL

Should the tax offices have a corps of older and better trained men to levy taxes on the taxable property of this Territory?

The query was answered in the affirmative yesterday afternoon at a session of the Merchants' Association by E. H. Paris. The report of a special committee of which he was a member, and presented at a meeting last week, was read again yesterday, relating to the non-collection of taxes and license fees.

In commenting on the report Mr. Paris said that he has been impressed for sometime with the idea that the men employed in the tax office are not old enough to begin with to properly assess the property of the Territory, and that they do not use sufficient diligence in trying to collect the taxes as assessed, or the license fees for carrying on business. In both divisions there are large amounts which have not been collected.

Mr. Paris believed that the tax office men should be older and more thoroughly conversant with the value of property.

DISREGARDED HIS PUBLIC PLEDGE

**The Civic Federation Discusses
Quinn's Support of the
Liquor Bill.**

In protest against the action of the Senate in passing the Moore liquor bill yesterday afternoon on its second reading the Civic Federation held a general meeting late in the day. The meeting endorsed the protest which the Legislative Committee has made against the Moore bill.

The protest against the Senate's action yesterday was in the form of a resolution deploring such action. The attention of the Legislative and Public Service Committee was also called to the situation of a member of the Senate—Quinn, in particular—voting in favor of the bill and with the backers of the liquor bill, when he had pledged himself in the Republican convention to abide by the present liquor law.

It is understood that this action of the Civic Federation may bring about a general discussion as to what element of guaranty there is in a man's pledge made before a convention of his fellows and party-workers, which he then deliberately denies and places himself on record as opposed to the upholding of a pledge.

It is also understood that the discussion may go so far as to determine whether or not this will not weaken the party as a political factor in future campaigns and legislative matters.

At this meeting of the federation there was a long discussion as to whether the list of the members of the organization should be made public. The matter was finally disposed of by concluding to take a postal card vote on the question.